



SAINT MARY PARISH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16



Saint Mary Parish

stmarysoakridge.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

**Closed for Lunch 12:00 - 12:30*

Parish Office Phone: 865.482.2875

Pastoral Team

Fr. Ray Powell, **Pastor**

Fr. Neil Blatchford, **Associate Pastor**

Deacon Gary Sega

Deacon John DeClue

Deacon Dave Duhamel

Deacon Agustin Ortega

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday 8:00AM

Wednesday 6:00PM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30PM

Sunday 8:00AM; 10:30AM;

12:30PM (Spanish)

La santa misa en español los domingos
a las 12:30 pm

Confession Opportunities

Wednesdays at 6:30pm,

Saturdays at 8:30am

Leadership Team

Parish Office Manager - Kathy Mesmer

Lay Ministries Coordinator &

Director of Religious Education - Cyndi Panter

Facilities Manager - Russell Overland

Bookkeeper - Denise Miller

Assistant Bookkeeper - Bailey Broussard

Director of Youth Ministry - Kristen Walsh

Director of Events & Social Outreach - Sarah Stitz

Parish Secretary - Maureen Romanoski

Associate Music Director - Jodi Harbin

Safe Environment Coordinator - Denise Miller

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Licensed Professional Counselor - John Thompson

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Communications Coordinator - Hannah McFadden

ROSARY INTENTION:

Through the intercession of St. Lucy may we
bring the light of Christ to those without hope.



Join us in the CHAPEL to pray the rosary
after the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass and
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.

Parish QR Codes



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14

- 8:00 AM † Eugene & Lucille Thompson
5:00 PM † Roger & Janie Bollinger

Sunday, December 15

- 8:00 AM Living & Deceased members of KoC
10:30 AM Pro Populo
12:30 PM Marlene Guzman

Monday, December 16

- 6:30 AM Verano de al Rosa Family
8:00 AM † Lela M Gipson Boch

Tuesday, December 17

- 6:30 AM † Margaret Mihalcz
8:00 AM † Kevin Abbatiello

Wednesday, December 18

- 8:00 AM † Seymour & Larose Clark
6:00 PM CCW Intentions

Thursday, December 19

- 6:30 AM † Tony Papa
8:00 AM † Ann Kokalj Glowienka

Friday, December 20

- 6:30 AM Aramayo Verano Family
8:00 AM U.S. Military & 1st Responders

Saturday, December 21

- 8:00 AM † Benedict & Anne Giannelli
5:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, December 22

- 8:00 AM † Isabelle Heaney
10:30 AM † Kevin Abbatiello
12:30 PM Familia Vazquez Herrera

† Denotes Deceased Person(s)

WEEK AT A GLANCE



Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 AM Religious Education (School)
9:00 AM Confirmation Preparation (Youth Bldg)
9:00 & 11:30 AM KoC Breakfast (Social Hall)
3:15 PM Sunday Vespers & Fellowship (Church/Social Hall)
7:00 PM Sr. High Game Night (Youth Bldg)
7:00 PM Las Posadas (Church)
7:00 PM Rosary Group (Chapel)

Monday, December 16

- Church & Chapel Closed 9am-6pm*
6:00 PM Boy Scouts (Social Hall)
7:00 PM Las Posadas (Church)

Tuesday, December 17

- Church & Chapel Closed 9am-6pm*
7:00 PM Las Posadas (Church)

Wednesday, December 18

- 10:00 AM St. Joseph's Food Pantry
2:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary (Youth Bldg)
2:15 PM Young Peoples Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6:00 PM Becoming Catholic (Social Hall)
7:00 PM St Charles Study Group (Youth Bldg)
7:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Bldg)
7:00 PM Friends of Bill W. (Social Hall Mtg Rm)
7:00 PM Las Posadas (Church)

Thursday, December 19

- 7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group (Youth Bldg)
8:00 PM Gathering Feast for Our Lady of Guadalupe (Social Hall)

Friday, December 20

- 5:00 PM Little Advent Stations (Chapel)
5:30 PM Parent's Night Out (Gym)
6:00 PM Middle School Youth Grp Movie Night (Youth Bldg)
7:00 PM Las Posadas (Church)

Saturday, December 21

- 9:30 AM Legion of Mary (Social Hall Mtg Room)
2:00 PM Altar Server Training (Church)
5:30 PM St. Nick Workshop (White Elephant)
7:00 PM Las Posadas (Church)

Sunday, December 22

- 9:00 AM Religious Education (School)
9:00 AM Confirmation Preparation (Youth Bldg)
9:00 & 11:30 AM Coffee & Donuts (Social Hall)
9:00 & 11:30 AM St. Nick Workshop (White Elephant)
3:15 PM Sunday Vespers & Fellowship (Church/Social Hall)
7:00 PM Las Posadas (Church)
7:00 PM Rosary Group (Chapel)

Please be sure to check the myParish app or the facilities calendar on the parish website for additional events and changes to the list published here.



CATECHISM REFLECTION

Though church and state be separate, the health of a state depends on the Church's guidance regarding the rights of man and the salvation of souls: "Every institution is inspired, at least implicitly, by a vision of man and his destiny. . . . Only the divinely revealed religion has clearly recognized man's origin and destiny in God, the Creator and Redeemer. The Church invites political authorities to measure their judgments and decisions against this inspired truth about God and man: 'Societies not recognizing this vision or rejecting it in the name of their independence from God are brought to seek their criteria and goal in themselves or to borrow them from some ideology. Since they do not admit that one can defend an objective criterion of good and evil, they arrogate to themselves an explicit or implicit totalitarian power over man and his destiny, as history shows'" (CCC 2244).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND

Breakfast Includes

- ◇ Fluffy Pancakes
- ◇ Scrambled Eggs
- ◇ Buttery Biscuits
- ◇ Breakfast Potatoes
- ◇ Sausage
- ◇ Crispy Bacon
- ◇ Fresh Sausage Gravy
- ◇ Creamy Cheesy Grits
- ◇ Fresh Cut Fruit
- ◇ Hot Coffee
- ◇ Milk & Orange Juice
- ◇ **French Toast!**



THIS Sunday

December 15th
after the 8am and
10:30am masses

**\$6 per person, \$20 for
a family of 4 or more**



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
Council 3175



PARENTS Night Out

Have some more Christmas
shopping to do?
Drop your kids with us!

Ages 4 and up

\$20 per child,
Not to exceed \$100 per family.

**FRIDAY DEC 20
5:30pm-9:00pm**

Activities: ☒ Drinks ☒ Games ☒ Movies ☒ Pizza

LOCATION: SCHOOL GYM
EMAIL SARAH TO SIGN-UP
WE@STMARYSOAKRIDGE.ORG



ATTN: PARISHIONERS & ADORERS
Fire Alarm System Installation

CHURCH & CHAPEL

CLOSED

Monday, December 16th
Tuesday, December 17th

2024

YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

As the end of the year comes to an end, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to thank God for these blessings.

CONSIDER



This is also the time of year when people consider giving charitable contributions to their favorite charities. We hope that you consider Saint Mary Parish as one of your favorites.

PLAN



As you plan your taxes, consider using the income tax charitable deduction. Your year-end gift can reduce your taxes and support Saint Mary Parish. Charitable giving often lowers your taxes, depending on your tax bracket. Beyond tax savings, your gifts significantly impact our work at Saint Mary Parish.



NOTES

For your contribution to be considered a
2024 charitable tax deduction:

**The below ACTIONS must be done on,
or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

* Mailed and/or postmarked

* Placed in the collection basket

* Physically delivered to the Parish Office

CALL TO ACTION

For your convenience, Saint Mary Parish accepts online payments. You can make payments with your debit card, credit card, or through your checking/savings bank account at:

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-2204?tab=home>



THANK YOU

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALTAR SERVERS

Advent Social & Refresher Training

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

2-4:30pm in the Church

All current Altar servers: both from St. Mary's School and the RE/Public Schools should attend. New servers are invited as well.

- Must have received the Sacrament of Baptism
- Must have received the Sacrament of 1st Communion
- Must be in at least 4th grade
- Contact Deacon Dave

Review: Daily Mass, Special Mass, and Weekend Liturgies.

Needed: supervision-2 parents/Christmas snacks & drinks
RSVP: by Wed, Dec 18th - Dcn.dave@stmarysoakridge.org

Hike LeConte

Once again, we have secured two dates in 2025 to stay overnight at the world-famous Mt. LeConte Lodge.

Join us for this St. Mary tradition for a one-night stay on Thursday, May 29, 2025, or Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Cost is \$208 per person for the 2 meals & overnight stay.

Please contact Rodd Daigle at hikeleconte@icloud.com if interested in the May date, or Karen Swabe at swabbay@bellsouth.net if interested in the August date.

We are requesting payment by December 20, 2024.



Please join us in welcoming

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
"The Dynamic Deacon"

For a limited speaking engagement on January 3rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm and January 4th, 2025 at 10:00 am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Farragut, TN

FRIDAY EVENING FAMILY TALK:
(All ages are welcome)

Go and Make Disciples:
The Call to Evangelization

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S TALK:

Putting on the Armor of God:
Preparing for Spiritual Combat

JANUARY 3rd TICKETS:



More information about Deacon Harold and the Mustang Dads Club at

www.deaconharold.com
www.mustangdads.org

JANUARY 4th TICKETS:



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**White Elephant
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Hosting

St. Nick's Workshop
Saturday, December 21st
Sunday, December 22nd

"WE" invites little ones to come experience the joy of giving! The St. Nick's Workshop will be open after the weekend Masses, offering a shopping and gift-wrapping experience for kids.



**White Elephant
Thrift Store**

**CLOSED
DECEMBER 23rd**

**through
JANUARY 6th**

OPEN for Donations

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December Schedule:

Dec. 15th - CLASS
Dec. 22nd - CLASS
Dec. 29th - NO CLASS

Reminders:

The Confirmation Retreat has been rescheduled to January 18, 2025 from 1-7pm in the Youth Building

On Sunday mornings, please park your car, drop off (9am) and pick up (10:15am) your children in their classroom.

Youth Ministry

THIS WEEKEND after Mass

December 14th @ 6pm



CHRISTMAS PARADE
"Home for the Holidays"



Senior High

Sunday, December 15th - Game Night
Wednesday, December 18th - Christmas Party*

Middle School

Thursday, December 19th - Christmas Party*
Friday, December 20th - Movie Night

**Christmas attire encouraged & (optional) \$5 gift exchange*

Contact Kristen at youth@stmarysoakridge.org for more details and/or to volunteer with this ministry.

RE Families



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO OUR RE FAMILIES!!!

On November 24th, our 3rd & 4th grade Religious Education Classes hosted a "**Baby Shower for the Blessed Mother**". We had a lovely breakfast and celebrated our beginning of Advent by bringing gifts for Jesus.

We collected an **amazing amount of baby items!** These gifts will go with the items collected at the CCW Christ Shower to Choices Resource Center and Catholic Charities Pregnancy Center, Knoxville.

Prayers for the Holy Innocents

—from long ago and for now!

Several parishes have signed up for one hour of prayer in honor of lost innocent life, outside of **Planned Parenthood** on **Friday, December 27, 2024.**

St Mary's hour is 11am. Join us!

Email Maureen to carpool at mfricke224@gmail.com

Little Advent Stations

All ages welcome!
5:00 pm in the Chapel

Friday, December 20th

For questions contact -
anna.duhamel@comcast.net



Christmas

MASS
SCHEDULE
2024

CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 24TH

4PM NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
6PM NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
(SPANISH)
8PM NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 25TH

12AM MIDNIGHT MASS
10:30AM CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS





Saint Mary's School



Principal - Sr. Mary John, O.P.

Assistant Principal - Kendall Doogan

865-483-9700

school.stmarysoakridge.org

An Advent Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.

Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

Artwork: Amelia Budzinski

Celebrate



**St. Mary's School's
Diamond Jubilee
with an
exclusive hoodie.**

**For sale after Mass on
Sunday, December 15th.**

Adult Sizes: \$35

Youth Sizes: \$27

THIS WEEKEND

Saint Mary's School
8TH GRADE

ANGEL TREE for CASA

Please pick a tag(s) from the school tree.
Deliver donations to school office by
December 18th
with tag(s) attached

The core purpose of CASA of the Tennessee Heartland is to provide a voice for abused and neglected children in Anderson and Blount counties. As a non-profit, volunteer-based agency, their mission is to empower CASA volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in juvenile court. CASA's vision is to provide a court-appointed volunteer advocate for every child who needs one.



Items collected to be wrapped by the 8th grade students & presented to CASA

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